



Ontario ARES SET Dec 4, 2010

In Thunder Bay, Lakehead ARES participated on the IRLP net, on the HF net, held a local VHF net on VE3YQT, as well as participated using the HF digital email program "Airmail". About 50% of our membership got actively involved. Thank you to everyone who participated (and thank you to those who would have if they could have) which made the exercise a success.

73,

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

on behalf of Brad Harris VE3MXJ

Lakehead ARES Emergency Coordinator.

ARES/LARC VHF Tuesday Net

Please try and check in to the Tuesday Night VHF net. Feel free to originate routine traffic for practise. 7 PM on VE3YQT

The following dates are open for NCS (Net Control Stations) Please choose your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices to be NCS! I will forward the net introduction and closing comments with your confirmed date.

Dec 14	Dec 21
Dec 28	Jan 4
Jan 11	Jan 18
Jan 25	Feb 1
Feb 8	Feb 15
Feb 22	

NWARES Net 3750

Fred VE3FAL has Thursday and Friday NCS vacancies for the NorthWest Ontario ARES net, as well as every other Saturday.

If you are interested email Fred flesnick@tbaytel.net

Finally, please forward this message to anyone you feel may be interested. Thanks.

73,

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

for Lakehead ARES

Prez Sez

Hello from the great white north.

Anyone that has poked their nose out of doors lately will probably come face to face with the winter season that is upon us. From the white blanket of snow to the sights and sounds of the holiday season, it is all around us. The sound of shoppers and little children with the proverbial wish lists are heard throughout the malls. We tend to put off the things that need to get done until we are almost too late. It is funny how we take time for granted.....

Some of us will surely be sending items or gifts in the mail to loved ones abroad. Time is one of the key factors to getting this precious cargo to its final destinations on time. Mail and any of the ground shipping companies will surely be getting busier this time of year and they always ask to get your items out as early as possible to make sure they arrive on time. This is sound advice.

I try not to leave things to the last minute, but I also try to not get too wrapped up in the season until at least the beginning of December. I took the first step the other night and took in the Parade of Lights. I don't know if anyone remembers the first one and how it all got started. There was a little fella in Thunder Bay that really loved the fancy decorated Coke truck that we have all seen on television. Well this little guy was ill with some disease and he made a wish that he could ride in the Coke truck. The idea of the Parade of Lights was born and continues today. Now, the parade has many trucks from many of the local businesses that take the time to remember the less fortunate and make this a fundraiser for many of the local charities. The trucks come to the street decorated with some pretty amazing displays and loaded with hardy souls that brave the cold night to wave and wish you well. I thought about that little fella and wonder if he is still around and how he may have got the wish he wanted before it was too late. Funny how we take time for granted.....Last but not least, I would encourage you all to take the time and call a friend, send a card or just hold a door or

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Prez Sez (continued)

help someone that is carrying a large parcel. I have learned that what you give comes back to you tenfold. A simple handshake, hug or hello will usually brighten someone's day and if not, well you tried and you are a better person for it.

From my family, I wish all of you a safe and exciting holiday season. My hope is that you can find it in your heart to help out the some of the less fortunate in our city by donating some spare change or a food item to a local food bank.

That way, it won't be too late and it will be time well spent.

73

Randy

Be Safe - Be Seen

I would like to mention that all Lakehead ARES members are encouraged to buy a Yellow Safety Vest. We have sourced a quality vest with lots of features at Weber Supply, 975 Walsh Street West, Thunder Bay, 768-9323. (just down the road from the old Brick location in the south end)

Ask for the Yellow Surveyors Vest. The cost is only 38.97 plus tax. Several years ago, I bought an orange one, and it works great for country walks in the fall, makes you visible if you get stuck on the highway, high night time visibility, etc. Meets CSA Z96-02 Class 2 Level 2. I just bought the yellow. The extra-large easily fits over my parka.

73,

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Minutes for the Lakehead

Amateur Radio Club

Date: November 11, 2010

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Guest Speaker:

Fred Lesnick VE3FAL's son Alan's College Video Production on Ham Radio, which documented Fred and Randy Gottfred VA3OJ putting up a tower and antennas.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the November HI-Q. Seconded by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the October's meeting's minutes as printed in the November HI-Q. Seconded by Joe Coghlan VE3TBX. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)

Santa Claus Parade (Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG coordinator)

Comin up on November 20th Mike reports that there are about 50 entries so far and it will be about the size as last year. Volunteers are asked to come at 8AM.

Santa Shuffle

Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG reported it is on December 4th, 9 AM at the Recreation Centre off of Grenville.

CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

No activity

ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm. Everyone invited to check-in.

Even though VE3TBR will be used for public service, in the event of emergency ARES members should monitor VE3YQT as a first choice.

December SET November 4th, 10AM to 2 PM ET, 7PM to 9PM ET.

Ontario Section ARES meeting in Toronto was attended by about 30 DEC and ECs including Brad Harris VE3MXJ.

Vest: All ARES and public service participants are

asked to get a current Yellow Vest from Weber Supply, 975 Walsh Street West. Ask for the Surveyor's Vest.

The cost is only 38.97 plus tax.

RAC Report Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill attended the RAC Ottawa Directors meeting October 29-30. TCA magazine will see changes, RAC will modernize its communication methods with a Facebook presence, Twitter and Blog.

Repeater News

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,

10 Meter repeater. Terry Stewardson VA3LU moved to look for and purchase used Motorola UHF link radios on eBay with a budget of \$200.00. Second: Cliff Pratt VA3CLF. Passed.

The Upsala repeater was off air for a couple of weeks so that Environment Canada could do tests on its equipment.

Club Trailer:

Bob Hansen VE3RVA reported that the trailer was used for the Santa Claus Parade and also that Tbaytel has given us a replacement phone for the trailer.

Annual Dinner Meeting:

Chicago Joe's at the Victoria Inn in April. Trying for Thursday April 14th 6PM. We will be going with a new way with no tickets to sell. Members will show up at the dinner and order what they would like from the menu, or come just for the meeting if they desire. A guest speaker will be booked for dinner.

New Business

Club Tower Auction (Randy Gottfred VA3OJ)

The club received a single bid which was declared the winner of the tower.

50/50 Draw: Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG

Adjournment moved by: Brad Harris VE3MXJ

Next Executive Meeting: December 2, 2010

**Next LARC Meeting:
December 9, 2010.**

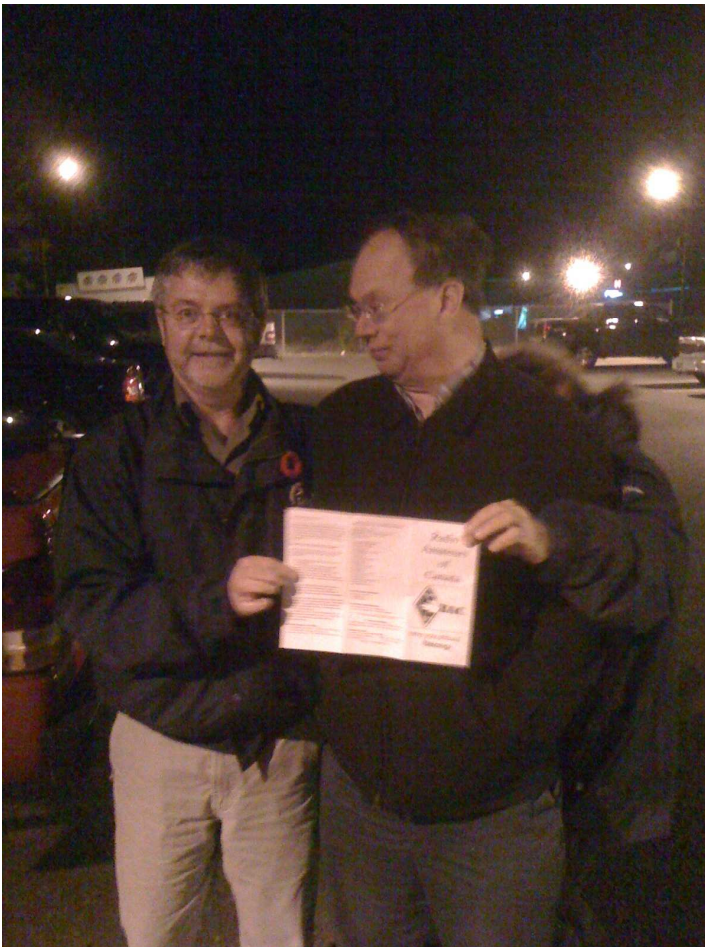
20th Rotary Cub Christmas Parade

The 20th Rotary Cub Christmas Parade went off without a hitch on November 20th, under cloudy skies and chilly temperature in the area of -12C. that did not seem to keep the crowds away. Thanks to the usual group of volunteers, Bob VE3RVA, Mark VA3MVR, Paul VE3PDC, Marion VE3MJN, and Mike VE3ZG at the auditorium; Linda VE3XLB, and Norm VE3XRC working with the announcing crew, another parade is in the books. If you did not see the parade live, it is being played on Channel 10 every day for the next week or so. Sorry Ed, but did get any pictures from our group.)

Salvation Army Santa Shuffle

December 4 saw the Salvation Army Santa Shuffle take place from the Current River arena again. Helping out with this event were Bob VE3RVA, Paul VE3PDC, Pat VA3PP, Marion VE3MJN, Karl VA3RRP and Mike VE3ZG. This was the third annual event which is a fundraiser for the Salvation Army. Roughly 135 runners and walkers took part in the 1K and 5K walk/run from the Rec Centre along the running path along Boulevard Lake to the dam and back. Weather was ideal, chilly with a few snowflakes but no wind. Merv Halverson did the whole 5K this year, way to go Merv. Expect to have you cut the time even further next year.

HAVE YOU JOINED RAC?



Although I suspect this photo is heavily Photoshopped, it may be proof that our RAC rep can sell icecubes to eskimos. We will have to wait for a verdict from snopes.com.



Our Intrepid Volunteers - Santa Shuffle



North East Ontario Regional Directors Report December 2011



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was started on November 25th, recessed until the 28th and wrapped up on December 2nd. Obviously we covered a lot of ground.

The most important detail we wrapped up was the new insurance plan for RAC. If your club was insured under the old plan they will be getting information on the details shortly. If you or your club is interested in continuing or joining the plan please contact Jerry, VE3ETX at ve3ext@primus.ca

RAC winter contest is from 0000 UTC to 2359 UTC December 18, 2010. As a special initiative this year we want to have all RAC callsigns on the air. President Bawden will be operating VE4RAC. We are still looking for a few more to complete the roster. There may even be a special reward if a station manages to work the RAC stations in all regions. Get on the air and look for them. Here is the link to the RAC web page for complete details. <http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/>

As an attempt to open up two way communications among RAC members we now have an active Facebook site, and tweeter accounts. All the details can be accessed via Bob, VA3QV's excellent blog at <http://va3qv.wordpress.com/> I would like to thank Bob, when we were talking about the need for RAC to get involved in "social media" we both agreed it should happen, but we were looking for the elusive *someone* to do it. To his credit Bob was the someone who stepped up to bat, Thanks Bob.

Another idea the Board of Directors is thinking about is initiating a "Maple Leaf Membership". If a member would be willing to join this exclusive group at a cost of \$100 you would be recognised in TCA and other perks. Watch for it soon and if you are interested contact me.

As you are probably aware Chris VE3ZO resigned as the Director for Ontario South due to family commitments. I would like to thank him for his efforts on behalf of RAC and he is still a strong supporter. I hope sometime in the future we will see him again. If you have any interest in becoming a Director let me know.

I would finally like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Rita and I are going to Alberta to see kids, grandkids and grandpets. I hope you all have a peaceful and happy season. And maybe even a new radio under the tree!

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

73

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director

A soldering primerthanks Jan
<http://www.epemag.wimborne.co.uk/solderfaq.htm>



December 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 LARC Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Lunar Eclipse	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 Jan 2011	